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Ambassador Urges GON To Vote Kosovo Into IMF and World Bank  
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11. (C) At a meeting April 22 with Foreign Secretary Gyan Chandra Acharya, the Ambassador urged the Government of Nepal (GON) to vote in favor of Kosovo's bid for International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank membership. The Foreign Secretary responded that the question of Kosovo's independence continued to be a difficult issue for the GON. He did not anticipate a decision anytime soon. Per reftel, the Ambassador explained the importance of a vote by Nepal regardless in order to meet the quorum requirements. Acharya took note of this point and promised to pass the U.S. message on to the relevant officials. Emboff had previously conveyed the same message to Rudra Nepal, the Under Secretary for UN and International Organizations at the Foreign Ministry.

Comment  
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12. (C) Given the Foreign Ministry's repeated reluctance to recognize Kosovo's independence, post doubts the GON will vote in favor of Kosovo joining the IMF and the World Bank. However, Foreign Secretary Acharya did appear receptive to the idea of casting a vote. Post is scheduled to meet with Nepal's IMF Governor, Rastra (National) Bank Governor Dipendra Chettri, on April 27 and will reiterate the importance of Nepal submitting ballots in both contests.  
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